

CIVILITY—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House held a hearing on Civility in the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Dean, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania and Donald Wolfensberger, Guest Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction concluded joint hearings on Federal Agency Compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act: Are Federal Agencies Using "Good Science" In Their Making? Testimony was heard from Jere Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; Thomas Kelly, Chair, Small Business Advocacy, EPA; Robert Burt, Office of Regulatory Analysis, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITHIN VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on sexual harassment issues involving senior career managers within the VA. Testimony was heard from Ronnie Blumenthal, Director, Office of Federal Operations, EEOC; the following officials of the Veterans Administration: Hershel Gober, Deputy Secretary; Eugene A. Brickhouse, Assistant Secretary, Human Resources and Management; Gerald K. Hinch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Equal Opportunity; Mary Lou Keener, General Counsel; Jule D. Moravec, Chief Network Officer, Veterans Health Administration; Leroy P. Gross, M.D., Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network #6, Veterans Health Administration; and William T. Merriman, Deputy Inspector General; certain current or former women employees of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE'S COVERAGE POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Issues Relating to Medicare's Coverage Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce C. Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; John M. Eisenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research; and Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute, NIH; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas R. Pickering, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine proposals to improve the health status of children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on "Oversight of the Debt Collection Improvement Act", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD
Week of April 21 through 26, 1997****Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, no legislative business is scheduled.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will consider the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. 103-21), and S. Res. 75, to advise and consent to the ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention, subject to certain conditions.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared executive and legislative business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, April 22, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 24, to hold hearings on U.S. agricultural export issues, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Appropriations: April 22, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

April 22 and 24, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998, Tuesday, for the Environmental Management Program of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, for the Corp of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m.; SD-124.

April 22, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Agricultural Research Service, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, the Economic Research